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 Title : THERMAL ANALYSIS FOR DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF  
           EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, immediately after the title of the invention:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/491,026, filed January 25, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/117,047, filed January 25, 1999.--

In the claims:

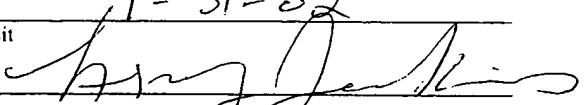
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